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Quod neque in Armeniis tigres fecere latebris:
Perdere nec fætus auſa Leæna ſuos.
At teneræ faciunt, ſed non impunè, Puellæ;
Sæpe ſuos utero quæ necat, ipſa perit. Ov.

Saturday, July 11. 1713.

THERE was no Part of the Show on the Thankſgiving-Day which ſo much pleaſed and affected me as the little Boys and Girls which were ranged with ſo much Order and Decency in that Part of the *Strand* which reaches from the *Maypole* to *Exeter Change*. Such a numerous and innocent Multitude, cloathed in the Charity of their Benefactors, was a Spectacle pleaſing both to God and Man, and a more beautiful Expreſſion of Joy and Thankſgiving than could have been exhibited by all the Pomps of a *Roman* Triumph. Never did a more full and unſpotted Chorus of Human Creatures join together in a Hymn of Devotion. The Care and Tenderneſs which appeared in the Looks of their ſeveral Inſtructors, who were diſpoſed among this little Helpleſs People, could not forbear touching every Heart that had any Sentiments of Humanity.

I am very ſorry that Her Majeſty did not ſee this Aſſembly of Objects ſo proper to excite that Charity and Compaſſion which ſhe bears to all who ſtand in need of it, tho' at the ſame time I queſtion not but her Royal Bounty will extend it ſelf to them. A Charity beſtowed on the Education of ſo many of her young Subjects, has more Merit in it than a thouſand Penſions to thoſe of a higher Fortune who are in greater Stations in Life.

I have always looked on this Inſtitution of Charity-Schools, which, of late Years, has ſo univerſally prevailed through the whole Nation, as the Glory of the Age we live in, and the moſt proper Means that can be made uſe of to recover it out of its preſent Degeneracy and Depravation of Manners. It ſeems to promiſe us an honeſt and virtuous Poſterity: There will be few in the next Generation that will not at leaſt be able to Write and Read, and that have not had an early Tincture of Religion. It is therefore to be hoped that the ſeveral Perſons of Wealth and Quality, who made their Proceſſion through the Members of theſe new erected Seminaries, will not regard them only as an empty Spectacle, or the Materials of a fine Show, but contribute to their Maintenance and Increaſe. For my Part, I can ſcarce forbear looking on the aſtoniſhing Victories our Arms have been crowned with to be in ſome Meaſure the Bleſſings returned upon that National Charity which has been ſo Conſpicuous of late, and that the great Succeſſes of the laſt War, for which we lately offered up our Thanks, were in ſome Meaſure

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